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STATESBORO - Georgia Southern Head Women's Basketball Coach [Anita Howard](#) announced the signing of three student-athletes to National Letters of Intent to play for the Eagles in the upcoming 2020-2021 season during the early signing period.

The three new Eagles are: 5-11 guard Lacy Robins (Statesboro, Ga. / Statesboro HS); 5-10 guard/forward Simone James (San Diego, Calif. / Christian HS) and 6-5 center Lydia Freeman (Atlanta, Ga. / Westlake HS).

"I felt yesterday was a great start to the tradition of women's basketball here," Coach Howard said. "We signed three strong freshman. To build any program, you want to start from the ground up, and I think we did that with Lydia, Simone and Lacy. All of those players are really great high school seniors, and I know they're going to come in ready to go as freshman at Georgia Southern."



Lacy Robins
5-11 Guard
Statesboro, Ga.
Statesboro HS

Earned first-team 5-A All-State honors from the Atlanta Journal Constitution for the Blue Devils as a junior ... Led Statesboro HS to a region championship and a 25-win season, earning Region Player of the Year honors ... Holds school records for most three-pointers in a game and most points in a season.

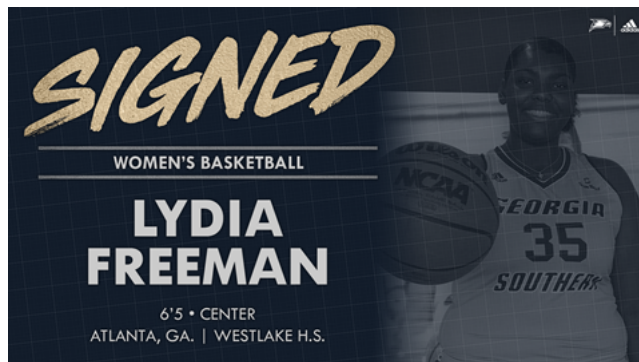
Coach Howard: "Lacy is a hometown legend. We talk about buying in to having fans in the stands, she's going to do that because she's home grown just like [Coretta Brown](#). That was one of the things we were pleased about, was being able to keep her right here in Statesboro. That was a different type of recruit. She's a big point guard, shooting guard, real active. I love active players. She can shoot the three, she can put it on the floor. She's going to bring Coach Howard style of basketball to Georgia Southern."



Simone James
5-10 Guard/Forward
San Diego, Calif.
Christian HS

Earned first-team All-East County and second-team San Diego Union Tribune honors as a junior for the Patriots ... Named East County Player of the Year as a sophomore ... Passed 1,000 career points during her junior season ... Also competed in volleyball and track, earning 2016-17 Pacific League Athlete of the Year in track.

Coach Howard: "Simone is an engine. The Little Engine that Could. She's 5'10, but she plays about 6'1 or 6'2. She's a strong rebounder and a strong defender. She's really active, and she's going to bring excitement on both sides of the ball. Comes from a great family, just a great all-around kid."



Lydia Freeman
6-5 Center
Atlanta, Ga.
Westlake HS

Earned first-team All-Region and second-team All-State 7A honors from the Atlanta Journal Constitution as a junior for the Lions ... Named to the GACA South All-Star squad, averaging 14.1 points and 7 rebounds per game while shooting 60% from the floor ... Named the GHSA's Most Improved player in 7A.

Coach Howard: "Lydia is something we didn't have. She is going to be special. She's untapped talent on one of the top programs in the state. Another Georgia kid who we were able to keep right here. She's able to finish around the rim like nobody I've seen. She keeps the ball up high and finishes well. Shoots 60% from the field. She's something we needed and she's definitely going to help us right away."

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